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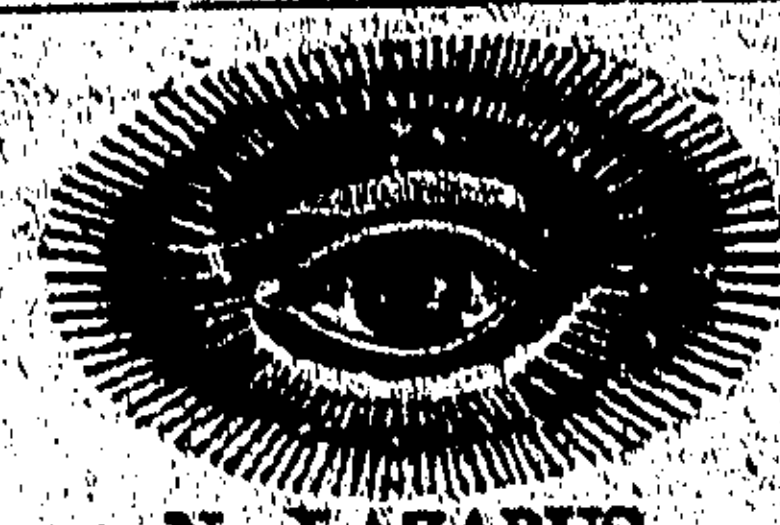
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NANKING DEMANDS.

POWERS ACTIVELY EXCHANGING VIEWS.

FURTHER OUTRAGES.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL GUTTED.

The three Powers affected by the Nanking outrages are actively exchanging views regarding the demands they propose to present, and a very early decision is expected.

Further messages from Nanking report that the American Consulate General there has been gutted by Chinese soldiers in spite of the police guard placed on the building.

NANKING DEMANDS.

Powers' Early Decision Expected.

It is understood that as a result of discussions among the British, American and Japanese Ministers at Peking recommendations have been made to their respective Governments with regard to the action to be taken to exact a return from the Cantonese for the Nanking outrages.

London, Washington and Tokyo are now actively exchanging views and a very early decision is expected. It is impossible at present to forecast the decision, but there will certainly be no attempt to carry out any reprisals without first formulating definite demands.

It is felt the Nanking outrages must be considered quite apart from the question of future policy towards China.—Reuter.

FURTHER DETAILS.

American Consulate Burnt Down.

The Diplomatic representatives at Hankow yesterday communicated to Mr. Eugene Chen, Nationalist Foreign Minister, the officially compiled facts regarding the Nanking outrages.

The first report from Mr. Wallis, the Vice-Consul investigating the situation, entirely confirms the testimony of the previous witnesses.

It is now confirmed that the American Consulate at Nanking was gutted this week by Chinese soldiers, in spite of the police guard placed on the building.

During the outrages on March 24 Southern Nationalist soldiers hauled down the United States flag from over the Consulate, tore it into pieces and cut the ropes.

Foreigners' houses in Nanking have undergone unrestrained looting.—British Wireless Service.

NATIONALIST STATEMENT.

Outrages Engineered By Northerners.

Hankow, April 2. The Nationalist news agency says that the Nationalist Government will soon issue a statement regarding the incident "based on the findings of the rigid official enquiry now being conducted at Nanking."

The agency declares: "The military authorities at Nanking report that the disorders on March 24 were caused by remnants of the defeated Northerners and White Russian mercenaries in Marshal Chang Tsung-chang's army, who instigated the attacks on foreign consulates in order to involve the Nationalist forces with the Powers."

The agency goes on: "In responsible Nationalist circles the evacuation of Americans from the Yangtze region and elsewhere in China is regarded as a measure dictated by panic, not by statesmanship."—Reuter.

JAPAN MOVES.

Considerable Reinforcements Arrive.

Rugby, April 1. Yesterday considerable Japanese naval reinforcements, consisting of four battleships, three cruisers, sixteen destroyers, eight submarines and four auxiliaries reached the Yangtze mouth from Japan.—British Wireless Service.

Another Cruiser.

Tokyo, April 2. The cruiser "Yakumo" has been ordered to Shanghai with a landing party of 500 blue-jackets. She is leaving Yokohama tomorrow.—Reuter.

SHOTS FROM SHORE.

American Destroyer Returns Fire.

Rugby, April 1. A United States destroyer yesterday was fired on by rifles above Kiangyin, between Shanghai and Chinkiang. The Americans replied with a gun and machine gun.—British Wireless Service.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Powers and the Nanking Outrages.

London, April 1. Reports that the Cabinet last night decided to issue an ultimatum to the Cantonese in regard to the Nanking outrages is not borne out by information from well-informed quarters. It is pointed out that no action is likely to be taken by British alone in view of the fact that all foreigners were equally subjected to attack.

The question of compensation and apology must be considered by each Government involved. The presentation of an isolated demand by one Power would perhaps give the false impression of a lack of unity and consequently no ultimatum is likely to be made until all the nations concerned are agreed on a joint course. The Powers are now considering this matter.—Reuter.

AMERICA'S ANXIETY.

Additional Preparations Being Made.

Washington, April 1. A long conference was held at the White House and the State Department last night, presumably in connection with developments in China. There was no indication that any decision was reached.

President Coolidge conferred with Mr. Wilbur and Mr. Kellogg and with Mr. Johnston, the chief of Near Eastern Affairs.

In the meanwhile consular reports have confirmed Press advices of the continued menace to foreigners in various points of China and these are reflected in orders given to the Marine Corps officials to check the forces available in case Admiral Williams should call for more men to protect the lives of Americans.

As it was decided not to reduce the Marine forces in Nicaragua it is understood that the Corps commander is combing out every available detachment in the United States to find riflemen to fill up the regiment at Quantico for use if needed.—Reuter's American Service.

STRONG COMMENT.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald Taken To Task.

London, April 1. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's attitude towards China is severely criticised by the "Daily Telegraph," which considers his speech at Glasgow "makes a disgraceful business, if anything worse."

The "Telegraph" described as a "preposterous argument" and counsel of insanity the contention that the Shanghai International Settlement could be defended by the British naval forces on the China station, and declares the work of the navy indispensable during this situation, and its duty was not only gallantly performed at Nanking, but daily since the Yangtze valley became a theatre of hostilities.

"But for holding the line at Shanghai, all the warships in (Continued on Page 8)

YANGTSE DANGERS.

Anti-Foreign Feeling At Wuhu.

LOOTING AT NANKING.

The following wireless messages have been received by the naval authorities:—

Although the situation is on the whole easier, anti-foreign feeling is still rife at Wuhu. A guarantee has been given by the Chinese authorities for the protection of foreigners and their property, but when a large demonstration was planned, the remaining members of the community were withdrawn to H.M.S. "Caradoc."

Also taking shelter on the cruiser are a Spanish Bishop and twenty-one priests.

Later. Feeling against foreigners at Wuhu appears to be on the increase.

Shantung troops in large numbers have crossed to the North Bank of the River.

Nanking Firing. It is reported from Nanking that a Sikh watchman, who is

CABINET MEETS.

Important Air Force Official Present.

London, April 1. The Cabinet considered the Chinese situation at its fourth meeting this week. Marshal Sir Hugh Trenchard, Chief of the Air Force Imperial Defence Committee was present.—Reuter.

missing, has got into the hands of the Northerners who are using him for propaganda purposes, alleging that as an Indian he was deserted when the evacuations took place.

Guns from an American destroyer had to be brought into play above Meangyen (near Nanking) when the navy boat was fired on. The fire from the banks was replied to, at first by rifle fire, but this did not put a stop to it.

Messenger Assaulted. An action typical of the arrogant attitude of the Nationalists at Nanking to foreigners is reported yesterday when a Chin-

CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

Reports in Shanghai Of Dismissal.

Up to the present, there is no official confirmation of persistent reports that General Chiang Kai-shek has been dismissed by the Nationalist Government.—Reuter.

ese messenger who was sent to the premises of the International Export and Import Company (where the foreigners were concentrated before evacuation) was assaulted and sent back with a message that anyone who landed would be stopped. The building in question is reported to be completely looted.

Accompanying the British consul and community who are aboard the s.s. "Shantung," H.M. ships "Widgeon," "Mantis" and "Teal" have left Changsha. H.M.S. "Woodcock" remains.

Later. The Consul and community have arrived at Hankow.

Communist Delegates.

A message from Hankow states that the Communist delegates Tom Mann, Doriot and Earl Browder arrived there on Wednesday evening.

[Communist delegates of the international proletariat recently arrived in Canton. They expressed their sympathy with the aims of the Chinese Nationalist Reds. They stated they had come to Canton to study the situation and to establish contact with the Chinese for the furtherance of the world revolution movement. They exhorted the Chinese people to continue in their struggle against foreign domination.]

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 1/18.

UNION CLOSED.

Early Morning Police Raid.

SPECIAL LAW INVOKED.

Under an order made by the Governor in Council under regulations relating to the prevention of disorder (published in the "Government Gazette" on Jan. 28 as notification No. 39), the Kiu Kong Kung T'un Tsung U! (General Labour Association of Hong Kong), which also describes itself as the Federation of Chinese Labour Unions of Hong Kong, was proscribed on Thursday.

To enforce this order a strong contingent of police officers from the Criminal Investigation Department raided the Union's premises in Des Voeux Road West at one o'clock this morning.

At noon yesterday an election was held to appoint a committee of twenty-one delegates from the various unions.

In the election, the Seamen's Union came an easy first with 88 votes. Among the unions nominated to serve on the committee (which can be said to be the equivalent of the highest authority in Hong Kong labour circles) were the market butchers, barbers, launch coxswains, employees of foreigners, tramwaymen, coal workers, coolies, stevedores, printers and hospital employees. The Union of Women Workers (which includes amahs) tied for the last place.

In recent months, little has been heard of this General Union but efforts have been made lately to resuscitate it.

JAPANESE R.A.

INCORPORATION OF THE DIRECTORS.

A PRIVATE MEASURE.

The Japanese Residents' Association intends at an early date, to apply to the Legislative Council of Hong Kong for a Bill intitled "An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Directors of the Japanese Residents' Association of Hong Kong (Hong Kong Nipponjin Kwai)."

The objects and reasons state: 1. The object of this Bill is to incorporate the Directors of the Japanese Residents' Association of Hong Kong in order to enable them to hold immovable property in perpetual succession. The advantages of incorporation are obvious. The Bill follows the general form of incorporation Ordinances.

2. The appointment of directors, and all matters of internal management, such as the majority required for any decision of the directors and the machinery for the alteration of the constitution, are left to be decided in accordance with the constitution of the association for the time being.

3. The properties mentioned in Section 5 are at present held by trustees on behalf of the Association. Owing to the movement of these trustees to other parts the trustees are continually changing and this is extremely inconvenient in connection with the title to the properties.

4. The Association is one which has been formed for the mutual benefit of the Japanese residents in this Colony and for social and benevolent purposes amongst the Japanese community. The Association was formed about ten years ago and has now a present membership of approximately 500.

5. The first two properties mentioned in Section 5 are controlled by the Association and are for the purpose of a primary school and a Japanese crematorium, respectively. 6. The third property is at present vacant land, but it is the intention of the Association when they are in a position to do so, to help their members to carry out a building scheme on this property.

TROOPS FOR SHAMEEN.

One company of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borders (with Lt-Col. L. J. Conyn, commanding-officer), the 1st Pack Battery of the H.K.S. (Indian) Royal Artillery, and H.M.S. "Tarantula" are going up to Shameen from Hong Kong.

WEATHER FORECAST.

"Light, variable winds, fair" is the official weather forecast till noon to-morrow, for Hong Kong, the adjacent coast and Formosa Channel.

UNLAWFUL MEETINGS.

Emergency Regulations Amended.

SEDITION PRECAUTIONS.

Regulations in substitution of those published on March 7 under the Emergency Regulations Ordinance appear in the "Government Gazette."

The following are new regulations:

It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, by order published in the "Gazette," to prohibit the holding of any meeting whatsoever at any specified place or places, or to prohibit the holding of any meeting whatsoever except between specified hours, either generally or at any specified place or places.

Regulation 6 states:—

(1) It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, by order published in the "Gazette," to prescribe any condition whatsoever which he may think fit in connection with any meeting.

(2) No person who takes part in or is present at any such meeting shall contravene any such condition.

(3) No person shall take part in any meeting at or in connection with which any such condition has been or is being contravened.

(4) No person shall without lawful authority or excuse be present at any meeting at or in connection with which any such condition has been or is being contravened.

Regulation 7 has been altered as follows:—

(1) In any case in which he may consider that the urgency of the occasion so requires it shall be lawful for the Governor, without consulting the Executive Council and without publication of the order in the "Gazette," to make any order which might have been made by the Governor in Council under Regulation 1, 2 or 6, or to prohibit the continuance of any meeting already begun.

(2) Any such order may be proved in any legal proceedings by the production of a certificate under the hand of the Colonial Secretary, and judicial notice shall be taken of such signature on such certificate.

FIREWORKS

TERMS OF LICENCES AMENDED.

It is notified that His Excellency the Governor has seen fit to direct, under section 6 of the Gunpowder and Fireworks Ordinance, 1901, Ordinance No. 14 of 1901, that the following condition be substituted for condition 2 which is set forth on page 284 of the Regulations of Hong Kong, 1844-1925, under the heading "Terms and conditions of licence to manufacture fireworks and to store ingredients in connection therewith":—

2. No explosive ingredient or mixture other than black powder, charcoal, sulphur, saltpetre, aluminium and potassium perchlorate shall be used or kept on the premises.

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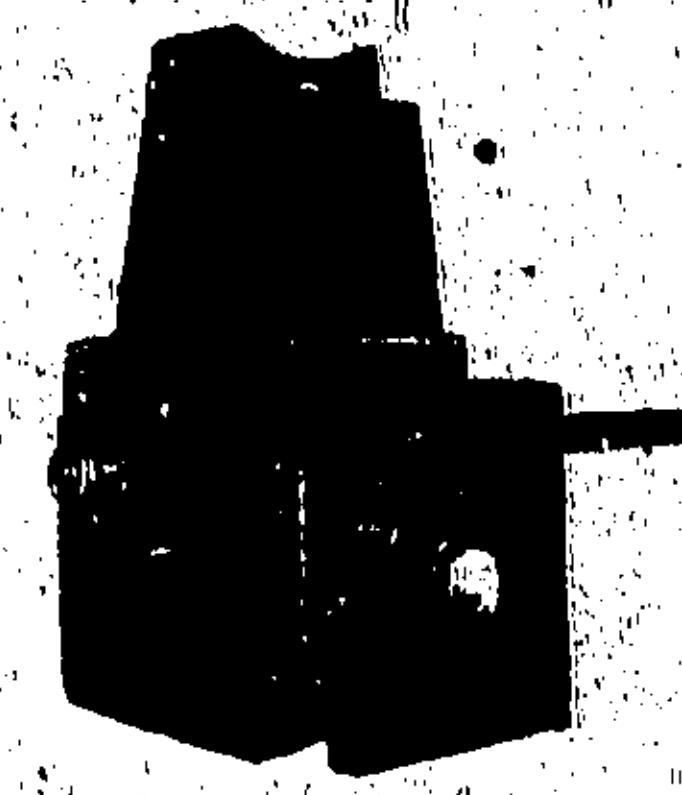
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SHIPPING SECTION.

SHIPPING IN 1926.

NO BENEFIT THROUGH COAL TROUBLES.

A contradiction of the assumption that the shipping industry has derived exceptional advantages from the misfortunes of the coal industry is given in the annual report of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom. An optimistic note is, however, struck in a reference to the economic position of the industry, which, although according to the report, "not at the moment materially better than it was a year ago, shows signs of improvement. The realisation of such hopes must, however, remain uncertain for some time, and depends ultimately upon the permanence of those factors which make for a general restoration of trade."

"Nevertheless," it is added, "the idea has gained credence that the industry has derived exceptional advantages from the misfortunes of the coal industry and that the demand for tonnage for the importation of coal created something akin to a boom in shipping freights. No such assumption is justified by the facts, but its persistence makes it desirable to analyse the situation." A considerable portion of the report is devoted to the general strike and its effects. In this connection, it is mentioned that reductions which took place in outward cargoes of "manufactured goods, usually carried by liners, represented a fall in the value of such exports in 1926 as compared with 1925 of no less than £78,000,000. "To establish a fair comparison," says the report, "the simplest method to adopt would be to multiply the cargo carried by the average miles covered. The result might be called 'cargo ton-miles.' While such statistics are not available, it is possible from the Board of Trade Navigation Returns to obtain a figure showing the 'loaded ton-miles.' When this is done, it is found that the total movement of shipping to and from the United Kingdom was approximately 365,000 million loaded ton-miles in 1925, and only 354,000 million loaded ton-miles in 1926. Thus it is seen that the effective carrying service rendered diminished by 11,000 million loaded ton-miles in 1926."

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barely exceeded 11 per cent., an increase quite insufficient to meet the additional costs imposed by the strike, and notwithstanding references which had been made to "the little shipping boom" the result of the year's work, even for tramp shipping, which was for class benefiting by the increase in market rates, has been such that few, if any, companies have done more than cover their depreciation in their earnings.

It was not surprising, therefore, to find that the Board of Trade estimated that the invisible exports—the gross earnings of British ships engaged in the foreign trade—less expenditure abroad—together with the expenditure of foreign ships in United Kingdom ports was lower in 1926 than in 1925, the estimate for 1926 being £120,000,000 as compared with £124,000,000 in 1925.

When it was remembered that ships in liner trades bore the burden of the increased expenditure and benefited very little, if at all, by the temporary increase in open market freights, it might well be that the Board of Trade had over-estimated the expenses. However that might be, it must always be borne in mind that the figure of invisible exports was, in fact, no indication that a profit had been made.

Orders for New Ships.

The Furness Shipbuilding Company, of Haverton Hill-on-the-Tees, which has secured orders for four big vessels for American owners, have now received orders for two other new ships, one a tanker for the Imperial Oil Company of Toronto, and the other a small cargo steamer for London owners. The total tonnage of the six ships is about 65,000. The builders hope to lay the keel of the first vessel within a month.

After being closed down for several years Sir William Gray and Co.'s shipbuilding yard at Sunderland is to be reopened, the firm having booked orders for three steamers of 8,000 tons each for British owners.

Shipping Rates.

The Federation of British Industries have made representations to shipping companies in regard to actual or proposed increases in rates to various markets, as a result of losses incurred during the coal stoppage. Some of the important steamship conferences have abandoned their proposals and while certain lines trading with Continental ports have withdrawn or reduced the surcharges, others have intimated that the position will be carefully reconsidered. The Federation have also made representations to the Indian lines against their proposal to increase freights.

Voyages in Ballast.
British tonnage entering and clearing in the United Kingdom with cargoes did not exceed two million net tons, but while the British tonnage entering in ballast fell by 4.6 million net tons, that departing in ballast rose by 7.4 million net tons, a net increase in voyages in ballast of 2.8 million net tons. The reduction of two million net tons in voyages with cargo represented a loss of freight and the increase of 2.8 million net tons in voyages in ballast represented an increase of expenses quite

apart from other increases. The whole 4.8 million net tons, therefore, represented a loss.

When the weight of exports was compared with the tonnage of shipping cleared with cargoes, and allowance made for the fact that coal is shipped in full cargoes, it was found that in the outward trade from the United Kingdom the amount of general cargo carried by such 100 net tons of shipping fell from 57 tons in 1913 to 42 tons in 1925, and only 38 tons in 1926. Thus, ships carrying general cargo had a poorer load factor in 1926 than in 1925.

On the subject of costs, the report points out that the need for ballast voyages out for bringing home sufficient bunkers for the outward voyage has shut out home-ward cargo; this, and the increased delays at foreign coaling ports and stations abroad, the inferior quality of much of the foreign bunkers, resulting in loss of power and steaming days, and the higher price of such coal were factors of grave importance, and went a long way to offset the advantages of higher tramp freights and to involve the liners in heavy losses.

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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 4
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MALWA	10,942	30th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
LAHORE	8,252	10th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NELLORE	8,857	11th May	S'pore, P'ng, Colombo, B'way & K'chi
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JEYPORE	8,318	20th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	25th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
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LAHORE	8,252	10th April	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
TALMA	10,000	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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PROPOSED SALARIES CUT.

Confirmation has not been received by either the local office or the men concerned in Hong Kong, of the following cable:—
Shanghai, April 1.

It is understood that the China Navigation Co.'s officers and engineers' strike came off to-day, but that it will be shelved for the time being, the negotiations—the nature of which which are at present unknown—the men agreed to resume their duties to-morrow. —Reuter.

"Shanghai" Articles.

At the time of going to press to-day, the officers and engineers of one steamer had refused to sign the new articles (which, it is understood, include a reduction of 10 per cent. on salaries).

Other than that there is no change to record in the situation. The C.N.C.'s "Yingchow" is to leave Hong Kong to-morrow for Shanghai, via Swatow. There should, however, be no misunderstanding. The officers of this ship are on articles signed at Shanghai and their decision regarding the company's new articles can only be known when these are presented to them there.

LAUNCH AUCTIONED.

The steam-launch "Foe Hang" was sold at Messrs. Lamert Bros. auction rooms yesterday to Mr. Yeung Shu-fan for \$2,750.

Bidding opened at \$2,000. The boat was sold together with all machinery, appurtenances, fittings and furniture, as she now lies in the harbour. Her dimensions are—length, 51ft. 2in.; breadth, 11ft. 2in.; depth, 5ft. 7in.; gross tonnage, 21 tons.

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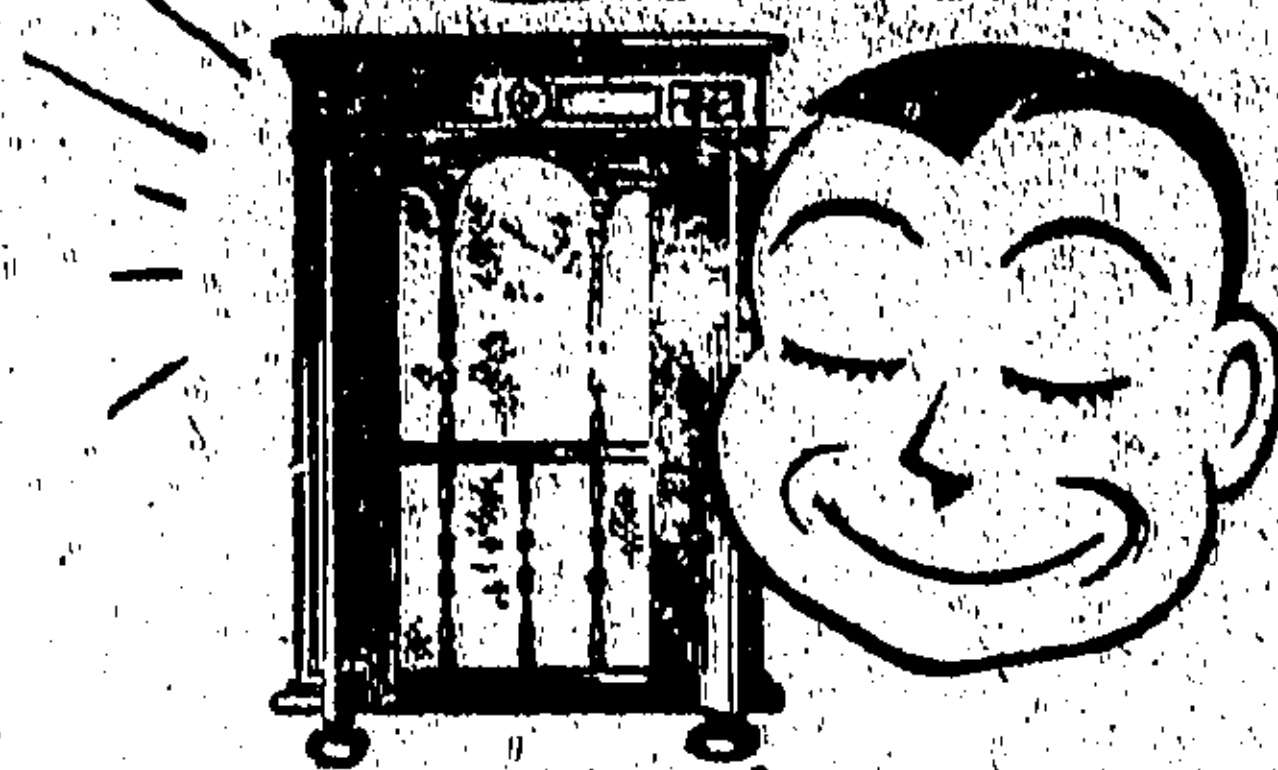
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A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

To the good work of the
British Secret Service agents
must be attributed in large
measure the intelligent antici-
pation which enabled Britain to take
measures which have been amply
justified for the protection of her
nationals in China. Although
the popular mind colours the
collective activities of the
Secret Service with the
glamour of romance, the very
nature of its undertakings pre-
clude anything in the nature of
public acclamation of individual
achievements. The identity and
movements of its members are
shrouded in obscurity. Votes for
expenditure incurred in the Ser-
vice must be merged in those of
other Services or otherwise sup-
pressed, for they never figure in
public Budgets and Balance
Sheets. Scattered over remote
parts of the globe, the
agents are often isolated from
their fellows. Com-
manding mastery over strange
languages and customs, they
establish precarious contact in
times of strained and openly
hostile relations. Is there not
something essentially British
about the attraction of a service
so hazardous and exacting, a ser-
vice in which there can be no
hope, in spite of its dangers, of
figuring as the hero of the hour,
with the spot-light of publicity
playing upon one's achievements?
It is at any rate a tribute to their
stern discipline that British
agents have made more of the
work of the Secret Service than
any other nation, and was able to
take the most effective and
which have been the

saving of the lives and properties
not only of its own nationals but
those of Powers who looked upon
such preparation as imperialistic
and militant. It is not much that
we or the other nationals con-
cerned can do to indicate our
appreciation to these unseen
workers for security in China but
in the telegram signed by non-
British residents in Shanghai, in
the united acclamation of all en-
lightened Britons, and in their
own sense of a duty nobly though
silently performed, they have
their reward.

The Labour Party would doubt-
less have us believe that their
dissociation from the activities
of Mr. Tom Mann when it became
known at Home that he had ac-
tively associated himself with the
"Red" element in the Chinese
warring factions, was an indica-
tion that their policy was not
that of the extremists of the
Party or influenced by the Com-
munists who, according to the
Liverpool decisions, have been
"expelled" from the party. That
this element has not in fact been
so expelled but allowed to set up
its own organisation in various
districts as a branch of the
Labour party is evidenced in
several constituencies. Notably
in this case at Holborn where
there are two Labour parties
and two Labour candidates, one
being a Chinese who, it is claimed,
has been a member of the Kuo-
mintang since its birth, and who,
according to Press reports, has
showed a lamentable ignorance
of the English tongue. Whilst
the Labour party can, and has in
the case of Mr. Tom Mann, dis-
claimed responsibility for the
actions or views of individual
Communists, it cannot, in view
of recent Parliamentary happen-
ings, disclaim responsibility for
the expressed views of extremists
who forced its hand in regard to
the China crisis. That the ex-
tremists in the Labour party
have carried the day in this re-
spect was evidenced in the Labour
amendment for the deviation and
recall of military forces in China,
which was a direct contradiction
of the declared policy of the La-
bour leaders. The latter must
have been aware at the time. If
not, the banking outrages have
brought it home in terrible man-
ner—of the callousness of such a
contemplated step as withdrawing
troops from China, and the
care of Communists to a violent
and unscrupulous end, among
others, which have been the

the passions of the mob. They
gave way to the extremists and
they have yet to dissociate them-
selves from those members of the
party who proclaim support of
Canton on the ground that the
Nationalists are "workers" and
the Northern Government
"feudalists." It is a sad day for
the Labour party when civil war
masquerading as pacifism and
class war masquerading as
humanity are able to sweep com-
mon sense to one side.

The community in Hong Kong
welcome the Secretary of State's
appreciation of the fortitude with
which past trials here have been
borne, the assurance of personal
safety and the inviolability of
foreign property here and in the
New Territories. Many of us
would welcome still more the
broadcasting of a reassuring
message to those at Home who
have a somewhat exaggerated
view of disturbed conditions as
affecting Hong Kong at present.
The mere assurance by letter to
such, that there is little reason
for fear of local disturbances and
that in the event of such a con-
tingency, full and efficient mea-
sures have been prepared, often
fails to dissipate their apprehen-
sions. Honest statements of
fact are taken as praiseworthy
but transparent attempts to re-
store their peace of mind. Failing
the publication in the Home
Press of such a reassuring state-
ment as the Secretary of State
despatched here, the most effec-
tive proof would be the mailing
home of local newspapers with
reports of such "exciting" events
as "Mudford" election, Race
Meetings, of the Philharmonic
Society's production of H.M.S.
"Pinafore." To even the
most worrying and devoted
relative it must be ob-
vious that there would be neither
principals nor spectators were
there justification for the picture
of conditions here that many of
them have mentally painted.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

His Excellency the Governor has
appointed Mr. Sung Sheung-wai to
be a Public Vaccinator.
His Excellency the Governor has
appointed Mr. Francis Arthur
Wells, to be a member of the Ad-
visory Committee of the Hong Kong
Volunteer Defence Corps, vice Mr.
Douglas Abbey, resigned.
His Excellency the Governor has
appointed Private George Duncan
M.B.E., to be Second-Lieutenant in
the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence
Corps.
His Excellency the Governor has
appointed Mr. Henry Thomas
Jackson to be a member of the
Council of the University of Hong
Kong.
Mr. J. R. G. Wyatt has been ap-
pointed as Assistant Examiner for
Masters' and Mates' Examinations.

MR. HENRY FORD.

Detroit, April 1.
A hospital bulletin states that
Mr. Henry Ford is progressing
favorably.
Nevertheless, newspaper cor-
respondents at Detroit are less
optimistic. The "New York
Evening Post" correspondent de-
clares Mr. Ford is spitting blood
from an internal hemorrhage—
Reuters' American Service.
[A cable yesterday reported
that Mr. Ford was suffering from
concussion, following an accident,
in which his car fell over an
embankment.]

JAPAN'S FIRST FLEET.

Tsingtao, April 1.
The Japanese first fleet consist-
ing of four battleships, three cru-
isers, 10 destroyers and eight sub-
marines has arrived for the an-
nual manoeuvres.
It is emphasised that the visit
is not connected with the situa-
tion in China.—Reuters.

PAN AMERICAN CRISIS.

Buenos Aires, April 1.
Entitled "Pan-American Crisis,"
a leader in the newspaper
"Prensa" declares that the re-
striction on the import of
Argentine produce recently made
by the United States will not
affect Argentina as much as the
United States intervention in
Mexico.
The "Prensa" says the Pan-
American crisis will be settled
more easily if the United States
government is satisfied with the
situation in Argentina, and
satisfies all Government claims
against Argentina.—Reuters' American
Service.

"H.M.S. PINAFORE." Local Amateurs' Latest Enterprise.

LAST NIGHT'S SUCCESS.

The difficulties which beset a
musical production in Hong Kong
need not be entered into here.
They must, nevertheless, be fair-
ly prodigious. So that if the
Philharmonic Society's H.M.S.
"Pinafore," performed for the
first time last night at Theatre
Royal, was not the roaring suc-
cess it might have been, the blame
should be laid to the door of those
very difficulties, and to the de-
plorable lack of suitable talent in
the colony. The fact of the mat-
ter is, too, that Gilbert and
Sullivan is now terribly dated.
The salaries which were considered
screamingly funny, and the
musical style which charmed the
old Savoyard are lamentably out
of sympathy with our modern
ideas. The Gilbertian quips miss
fire, and the turn-of-the-century
type of Sullivan tune, the cease-
less repetition of musical and
worded phrase—to say nothing of
the insane requests for encores—
become increasingly tiresome.
The costumes, also, are both old
fashioned and awkward and if
Buttercup must be a frowsy bum-
boat woman, why in heaven's
name must she look like one?
What is really wanted is a
modern dressing. We should
have then, in place of dowdiness
and tradition, bobbed hair and
modernism.
Mr. R. M. Keown was a very
upstanding Captain Corcoran and
Mr. C. P. Marcell a very dead-
ly Dick Deadeye. Mrs. Marcell, who
took the part of the captain's
fair daughter, sang very charm-
ingly, but Mrs. Watt, as Butter-
cup, seemed to be wrongly cast.
Mr. Richards as Ralph Rackstraw
and supporting cast all contrib-
uted to the best of their ability.
As Sir Joseph Porter, Mr. Brock
alone scored. He gave one the
impression that he was thorough-
ly at home in his part and did,
indeed, succeed in making it a
very convincing one, with the real
traditional touch.
Mr. Fleming should insist upon
a closer response to his baton, for
both the orchestra and chorus
were at times inclined to take
matters into their own hands.
The ensembles were, in conse-
quence, occasionally ragged. The
orchestra was a little overloaded
in certain quarters and in the
overture especially, all drum and
fire. The pitch, too, was not well
maintained.

—H.L.W.

The Full Cast.

The cast was as follows:—
The Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Porter,
K.C.B., First Lord of the Admiralty,
A. J. J. Brock, Captain Corcoran,
Commanding, H.M.S. "Pinafore,"
R. M. Keown, Ralph Rackstraw,
Able Seaman, D. M. Richards, Dick
Deadeye, Able Seaman, C. P.
Marcell, Bill Bebbey, Boatwain's
Mate, N. V. Hayward, Bob Becket,
Carpenter's Mate, R. Dormer, Tom
Cucker, Midshipman, Teddy Bullock,
Josephine, The Captain's Daughter,
Mrs. C. P. Marcell, Hebe, Sir
Joseph's First Cousin, Mrs. J.
Hollidge, Mrs. Cripps (Little
Buttercup), a Portsmouth Bumboat
Woman, Mrs. G. Watt, Chorus of
First Lord's Cousins, His Sisters,
His Aunt, Sailors and Marines,
Messdames Cornaby, Fleming, Green-
way, Hayward, Head, Hooper,
Hurst, McLeod, Nowers, Pank-
hurst, Shinn and Strange.

Misses Cole, Dunn, Fielding,
Gillingham, McClay, Murphy,
Spanton and Stuart.
Messrs. Allman-Ward, Baldwin,
Bates, Bell, Bennett, Best, Bick-
ford, Cargill, Fountain, Lake, A. A.
Lewis, F. H. G. Lewis, Price,
Provan, Ramsay, Ridyard, Sim-
mons, Simpson, Stone, E. C. Thomas,
R. D. Thomas, Thomson, Westlake,
Whelan and Winfield.

Officials.

The following were the officials,
etc.:—
Stage Manager and Producer,
Mr. R. R. Davies; Assistant Stage
Manager and Producer, Mr. W. E.
Price; Property Master, Mr. G. W.
R. Griggs; Wardrobe Mistress, Mrs.
H. Harrison; Hon. Accompanist,
Mrs. C. E. Millard, B.A.; Prompter,
Mr. E. F. Lentestey.
Scenery and programme cover
designed by Lieut. E. O'Donnell,
R.M., and scenery painted by Chan
Siu-fong. Stage lighting by
Messrs. Coles, Derrick and Stopan.
Thomson. Men's Costumes by Ah
Men, Ring Cheong. Ladies' dresses
by Ah Chung.

Those Who Helped.

The Committee of the Hong Kong
Philharmonic Society desire to ex-
press their thanks to:—Messdames
Allman-Ward and Jenner, and to
Messrs. Hurst, Luck and Nicholson
for assistance given in the produc-
tion of the opera to the A.D.C. Fe-
deration of Hong Kong, and to
Mr. W. H. Fife, Esq., A.R.C.M., for
orchestrating the overture.
The Orchestra:—Violins, Miss
E. L. Bor, Miss R. Indah, Mrs.
G. W. R. Griggs, M. H. C. Long,
Mr. J. L. Alves, Mr. C. A. E.
Laver, Mr. G. E. Long, Mr. G. E.
Mr. N. U. Botelho, Baker, Mr. P. N.
Seymour, Flute, Bandman, M.
Baker, Oboe, Bandman, W.
Robinson, Clarinet, Pave, Serge,
G. W. R. Griggs, Bandman, W.
Robinson, Trombone, C. H. E.
Laver, Trombone, Bandman, G.

LOCAL MOTORISTS. Association's Annual Meeting.

FACILITIES FOR MEMBERS.

Presiding over the annual meet-
ing of the Hong Kong Automobile
Association yesterday, the Hon. Mr.
D. G. M. Bernard referred to the
indication that H.E. the Governor
had given of his interest in the
Association by becoming a patron.
The institution of patrols at the
"Star" ferry, Kowloon, and at the
City Hall to look after members'
cars was referred to and the justi-
fication for the institution now that
petty thefts from cars had ceased.
Regarding the innovation the As-
sociation had instituted for mem-
bers to get expert advice on me-
chanical troubles and expert legal
advice, the use made of these fac-
ilities had been disappointing and it
had been decided to discontinue
them as from the end of the year.
It was hoped that something along
the same lines could be done which
would not prove such a drain on
the Association's resources.
Special rates for members for the
"Autocar" publication had been ob-
tained and members wishing to
avail themselves of the offer should
communicate with the Secretary.
The report and accounts were
adopted on the proposition of the
Chairman, seconded by Mr. L. C. F.
Bellamy.
Election of Officers.
The election of officers resulted
as follows:
President: Commander G. B.
Hartford, R.N. (ret.).
Vice-President: Mr. Ho Leung.
Committee: Messrs. C. D. Lam-
bert, F. Meade, C. P. Marcell, P. M.
Hodgson, G. H. Wilson, W. J. E.
Mackenzie, A. Stevenson and
L. C. F. Bellamy.
Treasurers: Messrs. Linstead
and Davis.
At the conclusion of the meeting
a presentation was made by the
Chairman to Mr. F. M. Hodgson,
who had resigned from the Secre-
taryship after five years of very ac-
tive work, the Chairman referring
to the deep regret with which his
resignation had been accepted by
the Committee and to the keen in-
terest he had taken in the work to
which he had devoted his time with
such good results.
In reply, Mr. Hodgson expressed
his thanks and referred to the en-
ergetic work of the Rev. G. E. S.
Upsdell, the present Secretary.
The meeting closed with expres-
sions of appreciation of the retir-
ing President's interest in the As-
sociation's welfare and to the work
of Mr. Ho Leung in bringing many
members of the Chinese community
into the Association.
A suggestion was made that lec-
tures might be given on the lines of
those some years ago of Mr. C. D.
Lambert.

KOWLOON MURDER.

WOMEN ALLEGED TO BE IMPLICATED.

THE SALE OF A BOY?

A brutal murder on a path close
to the Kowloon Hospital was de-
tailed at the Magistrate's court
yesterday when the Crown opened the
case against four Chinese, two of whom
are women.
One of the women defendants,
stated that she was in negotia-
tion for her representation legally, but
had been unable so far to raise the
necessary money.
His Worship (Mr. W. Schofield)
indicated that if the case went fur-
ther she would be legally repre-
sented at her trial.
The body of the woman in ques-
tion, who was a visitor from Macao,
was explained, was found with a
large slab of stone resting on her
chest. There were two large
wounds on the forehead caused by
blows from some blunt instrument.
The wounds were severe, the bone
having been broken into about
thirty pieces.
According to the evidence, the
deceased on her arrival in Hong
Kong with her little son took a
tenancy in a house at Shamshuipo
of which the fourth defendant was
the principal tenant. The alleged
movements of the defendants on the
night of the murder were detailed
and it was stated that subsequent-
ly the son of the deceased was
il-treated by the defendants who
were alleged to have been in nego-
tiation for his sale for \$220. This
boy had been frightened to such an
extent, it was claimed, that when
the Police went to the house, acting
on information, he claimed one of
the two defendants as his mother.
The case was adjourned.

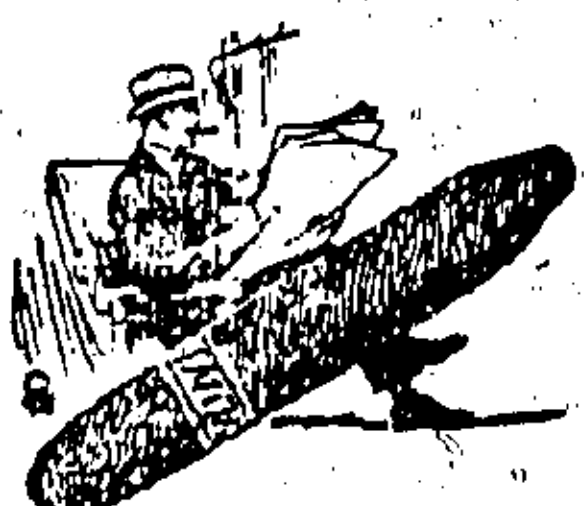
Hunting men in "pink" attend the funeral of Mr. Charles West at Martin Hussington, near Worcester.

Mr. West died from
injuries received in a fall when
hunting with the Atherton
Hounds, Captain Ramsden, master
of the Atherton hounds,
sounded the "Gone Away" over
the grave.
Wharfe, French Horn, Corp. C.
Perkins, Dimpen, Bandman, T.
Bergant, At the Piano: Mr. C. E.
Millard, B.A., Hon. Conductor, Mr.
W. R. Fleming.
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Colonel L. M. Gwynn, C.M.G.,
D.S.O., Commandant, The Buffs.
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CHIANG'S PROMISE.

Prospects of Capturing Peking.

WAR SITUATION REVIEWED.

[By "Li Chung-yin."] General Chiang Kai-shek has told the world that he will continue to march northwards and take Peking. He did not say so in so many words but there is no misunderstanding his intention to subdue the Fengtien Party and then unify China by force.

What are his prospects? He has gone on from success to success. No matter how his troops have fought, they have not been defeated in battle and well may lay the claim to being invincible.

The Nationalist soldier of the hour has won even more victories than did Hung Shau-chuen, the anti-Manchu rebel of seventy years ago, who established his court at Nanking—but suffered a number of defeats now and then—and was ultimately crushed on his last march to Peking.

Moral and Material.

As was the case then, actual supremacy in the field does not ensure success. I cannot do better than quote Captain B. H. Liddell Hart, the military expert of the London "Daily Telegraph." He says:—

"Before attempting to assess the military position and prospects, it is essential to realize the division of the moral and material factors in the impending struggle. There is a further aspect. The struggle is between a mass movement and a group of individuals—'war-lords,' whose governing aim is inevitably their aggrandisement on enrichment, and whose troops are held together simply by the tie of personal allegiance peculiar to the mercenary soldier."

Water—"No Man's Land."

Like a great dividing line between North and South runs the

Yangtze River, a vital means of communication, but for the moment a watery "No Man's Land."

At Hankow, the Southerners have established a strategic bridge-head on the northern bank, with a line running up to the border of Honan province. At the mouth of the Yangtze, Chiang Kai-shek has his military "knuckles" stretched just beyond his palm, but guarding Shanghai and Nanking effectively.

The Nationalist Strength.

Captain Liddell Hart estimates the strength of the Nationalist sections as follows:—

Main body at Hankow: 80,000 strong. The left arm which made the job at Nanking: 20,000—but this has since been increased by the defections from the Northern armies. The right arm (which went up by Chekiang province): one column nearer the coast 45,000 men; and the other column 30,000—these have also since been extended by embodying Northern divisions which went over. (There has been hardly any wastage of war.)

Other fairly large forces have been left behind to guard the various provinces, e.g., 30,000 left by General Ho Ying-yin in Fukien.

Alternative Shield.

Instead of crossing the Yangtze direct, the right arm is likely to shift their strategic position, half-left on Nanking, leaving behind a fairly substantial force to hold Shanghai and environs. This, of course, is on the presumption that Chiang Kai-shek does intend to move forward—and the easiest way he can march is by following the railway.

Bigger Factors Than War.

The element of doubt exists with regard to the "main body" at Hankow. The strategic view would suggest that General Tang Seng-chi should take up the offensive and advance along the Peking-Hankow Railway. But the question is, will he? Other factors than war—such as politics and party dissension—may prove of more importance.

There is a railway running eastwards from Kaifeng to Hsuehchowfu (in north-Kiangsu), joining the two railways running south from Peking (one to Hankow, the other to Nanking).

Napoleon's Maxim.

It is reasonable to expect that Chiang Kai-shek will make this connecting railway his next objective. By moving on it he will fulfil Napoleon's maxim—the key of his strategy—that "the secret of war is to make oneself master of the communications." There, Chiang Kai-shek would be astride the two overland routes between Peking and Central China. Thence, in Napoleonic manner, he could press down on the Fengtien stronghold at Chang Tsung-chang's rear.

Meanwhile, Marshal Chang Tsung-chang has failed to make an impression even on Wu Pei-fu in Honan. Even if he succeeded in getting down along the railway to Hankow (on which his son, General Chang Hsueh-liang is now busily engaged), his position would soon be intolerable.

Left Flank Exposed.

The further south he came, the more would his left flank be exposed to a crushing blow from Chiang Kai-shek's combined arm going north from Nanking.

So far, the "Christian general" (Feng Yu-shiang) has been left out of calculations. This pro-

YUNNAN LETTER.

PROVINCE TURNING OVER TO CANTON.

ANTI-BRITISH FEELING.

[From Our Own Correspondent.] Yunnanfu (Yunnan), March 21. An anti-British boycott was attempted recently, but was suppressed by General Lung, who has kept order here under very trying circumstances.

There seems to be no very definite anti-foreign feeling here, but it is realized that it exists below the surface and is only waiting for the opportunity to show itself. Things seem to be settling down in the city now, at least outwardly, but there is still a good deal of disorder and robbery.

Government by Committee. The new arrangement of governing the province by committees has now begun to take shape and nine men have been appointed, so that a better state of affairs is hoped for.

Pien-ma, on the Burma border, is again in the limelight and a very strong article appeared in one of the leading papers here recently, which might easily have led to trouble, but nothing has happened yet.

Later.—The matter has now been cleared up. The vernacular paper report has been found to be untrue.

Going Over to Canton. It has been thought that the province was going over to Canton. It is learned on good authority that four representatives have gone to Canton to talk matters over and it will not be a matter for surprise if as a result, this province goes over definitely to the Nationalists.

Meanwhile there is concern because General Lung and Hu are at loggerheads and the latter has called up more of his men to the city. Considerable quantities of arms and ammunition have been brought up.

Earthquake Shocks. Early on the morning of March 15, three distinct earthquake shocks were felt in Yunnanfu, but fortunately no damage was done.

By March 20 it was able to find out that the severest shocks had been in the south-west of the province. At Hsueh-dien, Yao-lin and Sun-kiang, much damage was done, houses collapsed but it is not thought that any life was lost. It is just about two years ago that Taiifu was visited by an earthquake.

Later.—As regards the earthquake, a mistake was made as to the location of the severest shocks, which occurred in the north-east instead of the south-west as stated, the area affected being about two days' journey from the capital.

HAROLD LLOYD.

GREAT NEW COMEDY AT THE QUEEN'S.

EXCELLENT MUSICAL ITEMS.

Harold Lloyd's latest comedy, "For Heaven's Sake," now showing at the Queen's Theatre as the first big film of the Paramount super-season, will long be remembered by Hong Kong with the greatest pleasure. The story begins quietly, with an amusing touch here and there. Then suddenly things begin to happen. After that the picture is a riot of fun. Obviously it is an opportunity to say much about the plot at this stage, as that would be anticipating the pleasure of the many hundreds who have yet to see the film, but it can be said that two of the episodes, the filling of a mission hall by the most astonishing process in the world, and the truly marvellous journey of a handful of "drunks" in a commandeered bus are as funny and as exciting as any of the numerous comical thrills Harold Lloyd has yet offered his admirers.

"For Heaven's Sake" has an excellent supporting programme. The Queen's Orchestra gives a musical prologue under the directorship of Mr. A. Grovini. The selections are (a) "While the Sahara Sleeps," (b) Jack Hylton's "Summer Rain," and (c) Wagneritis. The lighting effects and stage settings are very beautiful. The effect of rain falling is remarkably well done. Further variety is given to the programme by a quartette of male singers, who, however, have not quite realised the size of the building in which they are singing. A charming Prisma Colour film showing scenes in the South of France and a clever little Inkwell cartoon sketch complete a delightful programme.

VACCINATION.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE BRIGADE WORK.

The number of Chinese vaccinated—free of charge—by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, up to and including Thursday, March 31, was as follows:—

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division	21,944
King's College Division	4,388
Railway Division	3,438
Indian Division	3,226
Kowloon Division	17,875
Mongkok Division	2,639
Shanghai Division	1,371
Up Lung Division	1,371
St. Joseph's College	1,371
Total	56,106

APPEAL FOR HELP.

LOCAL ARTISTES PLEASE NOTE.

CONCERTS FOR THE TROOPS.

The following letter has been sent to well-known local artistes and others known to be interested in the organisation of entertainments locally, by Mr. R. Sutherland, Chairman of the Entertainment Sub-Committee of the Y.M.C.A. which is organising entertainments for the Services.

As it was felt that others who would be willing to assist might have escaped attention, a copy of the letter has been sent for publication.

The letter is as follows:— You will have seen from the Press of the 28th inst. an outline of the work which a special Committee of the Y.M.C.A. propose to carry out in connection with the entertainment of Service men. It is necessary for me to remind you that we have, and shall have, for a considerable time, thousands of men here who in completely strange surroundings must be kept entertained and amused during their leisure hours. With this idea the Y.M.C.A. have formed a representative Committee drawn from the Services and Hong Kong Residents.

There are several Depots of the Y.M.C.A. to enter for and the general outline of the scheme is that small concerts once or twice a week at each should be arranged, probably a concert on a larger scale once a month at one of the bigger depots or possibly at the City Hall. Every effort will be made to reduce the work of those who assist, and it may be possible to arrange, particularly in connection with Kowloon Concerts, for Artists to sing at perhaps two or more Depots at different times, during the same evening, and so minimize the number of occasions our helpers will have to attend.

We are in touch with the Hong Kong A.D.C., the Philharmonic Society, the Talkies Recreation Club and many other similar Associations which are contributing help.

It is well to tell you at the outset that Concerts start at 8 o'clock and finish about 10 p.m. This is not a convenient hour for many, but if you are willing to assist, you will not object to a little inconvenience in a good cause.

Through the kindness of the Church Body, the Cathedral Hall has been allocated to us for practice purposes and those singing will be able to arrange with their accompanists to run over their songs there. While it is impossible at the present stage of organisation to make any definite statement as to the extent we shall have to call upon your services, still it is hoped that it may not be more than two, or possibly three, times each month.

Mr. T. V. Harmon is Hon. Secretary of this Committee. A list of whose names has already appeared in the Press. I shall be glad if you will kindly return, either to me or to Mr. Harmon, c/o Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, the enclosed form duly filled in. Care should be taken to indicate clearly how you are prepared to help, as this will assist in the preparation of the Programme. As long notice as possible will be given you with regard to details of Concerts.

The Colony has some hard work ahead, and I trust you will make an effort to help in every way possible.

Signed, R. SUTHERLAND, D. Chairman, Entertainment Sub-Committee, c/o Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

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A most attractive feature of the evening performance was the musical programme of the Band of the Middlesex Regiment.

The selection, which were most enthusiastically received, included the "Miserere" from "Il Trovatore" and the "Hunting Scene" by Bucchalosi.

A good programme is promised for to-night when "The Ne'er Do Wells" will again be featured.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

April 2—Queen's Theatre: Harold Lloyd in "For Heaven's Sake."

April 2—World Theatre: Richard Dix in "The Lucky Devil."

April 2—Star Theatre: Thomas Meighan in "The Ne'er Do Wells."

April 2, 4, 6, 8, 9—Theatre Royal: "H.M.S. Pinafore," 8.30 p.m.

April 2—Ship's Company of H.M.S. "Frobisher" hold dance at Hotel Savoy 8.30 p.m.

April 6—Theatre Royal: "H.M.S. Pinafore," Matinee, 4.30 p.m.

April 6—The Hong Kong Dance Club's grand opening Carnival Dance, takes place at Lane Crawford, at 9 p.m.

Sports.

April 2—Inter-Services Regatta of Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, North Point.

April 2—Central British School annual sports at King's Park, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.

April 4—St. Paul's College annual athletic sports at H.K.F.C. Ground, 1.30 p.m. (postponed from April 1 owing to inclement weather).

April 20—Seventh bi-annual race for the "Trevesa" Trophy, commencing 4 p.m.

Meetings.

April 4—Annual meeting of General Committee of the Alice Memorial & Affiliated Hospitals in the Chamber of Commerce board room, 12.30 p.m.

April 6—Annual meeting of the H.K. Baseball Assn. at the American Consulate-General, 5.30 p.m.

April 8—Third annual meeting of H.K. & Territorial Estates, Ltd., St. George's Bldg., 2.30 p.m.

April 21—Second Meeting of China Light & Power Co., Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

April 2—Distribution of prizes of the Dockin School at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. 2 p.m., and of St. Stephen's College, in Great Hall of University, 7.30 p.m.

April 6—Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, M.C., A.M.I.E.E., I.Inst.T., will read a paper on "Urban & Suburban Transport" at the Institution of Engineers & Shipbuilders (Hong Kong) 5.45 p.m.

April 9—Annual dinner of Queen's College Old Boys' Association, College Hall, 8 p.m.



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While unloading cement at Shamshuipo, a coolie fell from a gangplank into the harbour and has been admitted into the Kwong Wah Hospital with injuries to his head.

It is notified for the information of owners and occupiers of tenements that rates for the second quarter of 1927, are payable in advance on or before April 30.

During the fifteen-hour, yesterday Madame Chiffon (the dressmaker) lost a silk evening dress valued at \$79 from her shop at the ground floor of No. 35, Queen's Road Central. It was some time between 1.15 and 1.45 p.m. that the loss was discovered.

The St. George's Hotel in Kennedy Road is to be opened by Mrs. F. E. Cameron about April 10, not by Miss Cameron as stated yesterday. Regret is expressed for the error, which, however, must have been obvious. Mrs. Cameron, being so well-known in Hong Kong.

The body of Signalman C. E. Scarlett, of the 13th Infantry Brigade, who was drowned in the Sheung-shui stream whilst bathing in the New Territories last week, was recovered on Thursday and his funeral took place yesterday at the Protestant Cemetery with full military honours.

No. 1080 Canton Road, Mong-koktau was sold at Messrs. Lam-mert's Auction Rooms yesterday for \$50,000. Mr. Yu Man-po being the purchaser. The same buyer was the successful bidder in other sales at these Rooms (Nos. 8-14 Argyle street, \$25,000; Nos. 433, 435 and 437 Reclamation Street, Kowloon, \$20,000).

It is notified that the prohibition as regards the exchange of clubbed packages between Hong Kong and the Republic of China, the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States is postponed *sine die*, but that regarding the Netherlands Indies will be enforced as from April 1.

The rule made by the Governor in Council under section 16 of the Gunpowder and Fireworks Ordinance, 1901, under the heading "Making, etc., of certain fireworks," has been amended by the substitution of the words "sulphur, saltpetre, aluminium and potassium perchlorate, or which have in any single container thereof more than 10 grains of any explosive mixture in which potassium perchlorate is an ingredient" for the words "sulphur and saltpetre" in the last line of the said rule.

Scores of curious are flocking to the scene of the reported gold strike in the Dripping Springs district in Arizona and plans have been made for the laying out of two towns sites.

It is reported from Moscow that there is a tendency in the higher Communist circles in favour of transferring the Government institutions from Moscow to Leningrad. The house-



Mr. Hugh Gibson, now United States Minister to Switzerland, who has been appointed Ambassador to Belgium to succeed Mr. William Phillips, who has been appointed Minister to Canada. Mr. Gibson will, however, continue to represent his country at the League of Nations preparatory disarmament conference.

ing crisis, which is very acute in Moscow, and the discontent of Labour in Leningrad over the location of the Government institutions in Moscow, whither they continually have to send delegates for different purposes, thereby losing much time, are considered to be the main causes for this project. It is also pointed out that since the Government offices were removed from Leningrad the city has been losing its economic and political importance. The Opposition, moreover, are conducting strong propaganda for the concentration of all Russian Government institutions in the city named after Lenin.

As from Monday, the offices of Messrs. Reiss, Massey & Co., Ltd., and the New Zealand Insurance Co., Ltd., will be on the 4th floor of Exchange Building.

The annual meeting of the general committee of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals will be held on Monday in the Chamber of Commerce board room, at 12.30 p.m. All members are requested to be present.

A New York message states that Professor Stirling of California announces the discovery of a race of men who are four feet in height while the women are smaller, in Dutch New Guinea. He stayed three months in a village of these pigmies, who use stone implements for war and agriculture.

His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—Ordinance No. 1 of 1927.—An Ordinance to amend the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911; Ordinance No. 2 of 1927.—An Ordinance to amend the Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1926; and Ordinance No. 3 of 1927.—An Ordinance to provide against accidents in factories.

Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, M.C., A.M.I.E.E., M.Inst.T., general manager of Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd., is to read a paper on "Urban and Suburban Transport" at the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders (Hong Kong) at 5.45 p.m. on Wednesday, when Mr. James Ormiston (Immediate Past President) will take the chair. Needless to say, the invitation to "members and friends who may be interested" will be gladly availed of by large numbers. This season's sessional papers at the Institute have been of very high standard, but nevertheless entertaining, and Mr. Bellamy is assured of a hearty reception.

Very readable for resident and associate members alike—and for that matter, to the general public—the March number of "The Red Triangle" has made its appearance. The various branches of activity of members are reviewed, "Mudford" and its election being much to the fore with the sporting section and going section, newly formed Naval and Military section, Library Committee and Camera Club activities receiving their measure of attention. There are articles, humorous and serious and some pictures excellently reproduced. No member or anyone interested in the Y.M.C.A. should be without a copy.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. J. C. P. Rigby, Registrar, Supreme Court, Kuala Lumpur, expects to retire in November of this year, after 29 years in Government Service.

Mr. C. S. Alexander, Financial Adviser and Treasurer, F.M.S., has left for home on three months' leave prior to retirement. Since his appointment as a C.M.S. at the end of 1900 he has, except for a brief interval, devoted the whole of his service to the financial side.

Lieut. J. S. Baker, R.N., who has been Aide-de-Camp to H.E. the Governor (Sir Laurence Guillemard) for about a year has left for home by the transport "Kinfauns Castle." During his stay in Malaya Lieut. Baker has been very popular among all with whom he has come in contact, both in his official and private capacity.

William Jennings Bryan, junior, son of the late Secretary of State, and a prominent attorney on the Pacific coast had a narrow escape from serious injury and possible death when the motor-car in which he was returning to Tucson from Nogales left the road, missing by only a few feet a fall from a bridge and avoiding a twenty feet fall to death.

The Crown Prince and Crown Princess have returned to Sweden from their visit to the United States and the Far East which has lasted for nine months. They were received by enthusiastic crowds when they landed at Malmo on February 9 and on February 10 at Stockholm. The city was decorated with flags and emblems of welcome, and cheering crowds lined the streets from the station to the palace.

The Press Association learns that the Hon. Ivor Montagu, third son of Lord and Lady Swaythling, of Kensington Court, W., was married at a London register office on Jan. 10 to Miss Ellen Hellestern, a London typist who lives at Motyn road, Brixton. News of the wedding did not leak out until February 21, as, closely held, the fact been guarded. Since the marriage the bride has been attending at her office daily. She stated that she had been obliged to continue her work for the present in order to fulfil her contract. The Hon. Ivor Montagu is 23 years of age. His father, Lord Swaythling, is head of the banking firm of Samuel Montagu and Co., of Old Broad Street, E.C.

Mr. F. Moril has been transferred to the head office of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Tokyo, and Mr. Matsutaro Shimura has been appointed as assistant manager for the Singapore office in his stead.

The "New Statesman" of February 12 contains an interesting article on a Chinese Gentleman—unnamed, but easily recognisable, says the "Malay Mail" to the residents of Malaya as Dr. Lim Boon-keng—whom the writer, Stephen W. Roskill, met while ashore there.



Private Robert Gordon, of Troop A, Eighth Cavalry, Texas, who must marry within thirty days to receive a fortune of \$200,000 left him by an uncle who died recently in Reno. The estate includes an improved ranch and about 5,000 head of cattle. Gordon cannot understand why his uncle, B. Bortman, made the inheritance conditional upon his marriage. But he plans to fulfil the requirement, quit the army and live on the ranch.

guarding the British Concession with a party of fifty soldiers. Dr. Boon-keng, a native of Hong Kong, with important information regarding events in the district and converted him to an admiration of the Stamford Raffles building of Singapore. The doctor's birthplace for which he retains an abiding affection.

The wedding took place at St. George's Church, Penang, on March 22, the Rev. Keppel Garnier officiating, of Mr. F. S. Gibson, manager of Messrs. Mansfield and Co., and Miss Mary Grange, of Surbiton, Surrey. Mr. E. G. Bird, of Messrs. Caldwell, Macgregor and Co., carried out the duties of best man.

Princess Elizabeth, the daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York, had an outing in one of the royal carriages which was driven by the King's own coachman, slowly round Hyde Park. The Queen saw her little grandchild into the open carriage before it left Buckingham Palace and kissed her good-bye, and as they passed through the gates the guards on duty saluted the Princess.

Dr. Alexander Goldstein, who is representing the Zionist organisation for the rebuilding of the Jewish homeland in Palestine, has arrived in Singapore from Rangoon. Dr. Goldstein is one of the leading figures in this movement. Lord Balfour describes him as a gentleman of the highest character and qualifications. He is on a tour of India and the East generally.

Some motor-cars cannot be mistaken, remarks a Home gossip writer. In Hanover-square a small closed car with bright red lines and a chauffeur with bright red piping on his uniform showed that Mr. Henry Coventry, Lord Coventry's second son, was paying a call. Lady Louise Mountbatten has a sailor waggling flag as a mascot on her motor-car. Sir John Ramsden has an ivory horn curving up from the bonnet of his.

The wedding of Miss Didi Vlasto, the French international lawn tennis player, and M. Jean Serpieri, a young Italian, took place at the latter's country house near Athens. The couple sailed for Italy on their honeymoon. Of Greek descent, Miss Vlasto was born in Marseilles and it was there that she learned the game in which she later became so successful. In 1924 she succeeded Suzanne Lenglen (now a professional player) as champion of France. Miss Lenglen did not defend her title. In Olympic Singles at Colombes in the same year Miss Vlasto defeated Miss McKane (now Mrs. Godfree) but was beaten by Miss Helen Wills. Miss Godfree, however, was Wimbledon champion last year. Miss Vlasto had stated that her marriage will not make any difference to her tennis career.

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NOTES ON SAILING ACTIVITIES.

REST OF THE SEASON.

[By "Chau Kung."]

With this afternoon taken up by the Services Regatta, no programme of sailing has been arranged but if members wish, a Menagerie race will be held on Sunday over a course of—Lyemun Beacon (p), mark on line (s), Channel Rocks (s)—7.8 miles, starting at 11 a.m.

The ladies are reported as having beaten the Club by 21 points to 16 but if the stories I have heard are only half true then it must be admitted that the correct score would be nearer 24 to 0! The sailing of the ladies' team was very good with Mrs. Mitchell showing the fleet the way home in "Blue-nose," Mrs. Adams being next in "Why Wonder?" The "morale" of the men seems to have been completely broken and one hears tales of considerable controversy among members of the team. The ladies have truly and properly shown them "how it is done."

It was however a most enjoyable day but with a little too much wind the afternoon event was abandoned.

The re-sail for the Cruiser Championship which was sailed with "B" handicap (wind under force 4) resulted in "U and I" beating "Coquette" by 7 mins. 53.3 sec., but the wind was rising practically all through the race and when the mark on Club line was rounded, the wind force must have been all of 5. Had this force of wind prevailed at 10 o'clock, the race would have been sailed under "A" handicaps with "U & I" giving another 4 mins. 41 sec., which would have reduced the winning margin to just over 3 minutes. "Coquette" hardly had her fair share of the "joss" though at Lyemun Beacon where she was "set up" and able to hold through the pass on one tack. "U & I" was headed off to the Hong Kong shore and saw a 3 to 4 minutes' lead wiped out.

"Coquette" lead round Tathong Rock and held it in to Collinson Point but inside the harbour limits there was considerably more weight in the wind which rather overwhelmed her with full canvas set.

It is anticipated that the race for the "U & I" prize (presented by Mr. H. S. Rouse for the cruisers) will be sailed on Sunday, April 10, over a course to be chosen by the donor.

A table follows of points gained in the season's championships:—

Hayward Heys Class.			
Blue-nose	78	1st	
Boojum	76	2nd	
Why Wonder?	68	3rd	
Adele	63	4th	
Lola	50	5th	
Zephyr	36	6th	
Adams	36	6th	
Sealark	34	8th	

Of the nine races sailed, Boojum won Blue-nose 2, Why Wonder? 2, and Adele 1, but Boojum was disqualified in the first race.			
Cruisers.			
U and I	44	1st	
Coquette	44	2nd	
La Cigale	43	3rd	
Norseman	33	4th	
Feathers	25	5th	
Queen Bee	18	6th	
Brenda	12	7th	

† won the re-sail.

[Of the five races sailed, U and I won 2, and Coquette, La Cigale and Feathers each 1.]

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

Starting times at the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's course at Fanling to-morrow are as follows:— 9.23 a.m. to 9.55 a.m. reserved for the Club v. Army Golfing Society match. 10.00 a.m. C. A. Middleton Smith, J. Middleton Smith. 10.14 M. Drevard, A. R. Sturt. 10.28 D. J. Gilmore, K. S. Morrison.

10.12 P. P. J. Wodehouse, V. M. Grayburn. 10.16 Capt. Morris, Lieut. Brown. 10.20 A. Lench, J. S. McLaren. 10.24 A. C. T. Bowler, F. B. Jones. 10.28 A. B. Raworth, H. S. Hills. 10.32 A. J. Frank, T. Austin. 10.36 I. H. Greig, K. E. Greig. 10.40 E. D. Matthews, A. D. Humphreys. 10.44 Comdr. Aubrey, Lt. Finlayson. 10.48 H. A. Lammert, E. P. Fletcher. 10.52 C. L. Sandes, E. R. Hallifax. 10.56 W. L. Dunbar, J. W. Franks. 11.00 T. Low, R. Howard. 11.04 W. L. Alexander, T. L. Christie. 11.08 J. Fleming, R. K. Hepburn. 11.12 W. A. Batterfield, W. M. Cox. 11.16 J. H. Hearn, A. O. Brown. 11.20 G. P. Lammert, F. M. Ellis. 11.24 W. J. Clark, C. A. Peel. 11.28 D. M. Goodall, A. W. Hodges. 11.32 A. E. Lisagana, N. K. Littlejohn. 11.36 H. E. Ellams, S. T. Butlin. 11.40 R. G. L. Moncrieff, R. P. Moggie. 11.44 E. J. Mahon, W. C. Murray.

AFTER 5 SETS.

NG SZE-KWONG WINS IN 3RD ROUND.

H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Ng Sze-kwong showed fairly clearly yesterday that although he has developed a powerful forehand drive, his tennis is not as good as it was when he held the championship a few years ago. He won in the third round of the H.K.C.C. open singles from E. C. Fincher after five sets.

Fincher has improved wonderfully, giving a brilliant display and not being perturbed by the reputation of his opponent.

The ex-champion led by 2 sets but Fincher annexed the third. The ex-champion led by 2 sets but Fincher annexed the third. Then came a tense struggle in the

CRICKET VISIT.

Australian Players For Malaya?

Ipo, March 21. The projected visit of a team of Australian cricketers to Malaya during June is now being arranged.

The players will probably include Macartney, Oldfield and others.

The "Straits Times" understands that a suggestion of an Australian cricket team going to Malaya for a short visit has been made, and will be discussed by the various clubs, but at present it is not possible to say whether anything is likely to come of it.

The Ipo correspondent of the "Singapore Free Press" states that the side will include Macartney, Oldfield, and other Test players and probably Kippax.

A later message states: Although a definite announcement of the details is still pending, the proposed visit of a team of Australian cricketers from Sydney is the topic amongst Australians all over the States.

It is understood that the team will play eight matches, in Singapore, Penang and the Malay States.

They will be the guests of local countrymen, but a fund will be guaranteed for their passages, which it is hoped will be obtained from gates.

Amongst the players making the trip are Macartney, Oldfield, and Taylor.

fourth set, first one and then the other leading. Fincher eventually won at 10-8.

Both were tired by now, but Ng Sze-kwong's experience and his repertoire of strokes won him the final set after another grueling struggle.

Fincher stayed mostly at the base-line, winning a good many points by "kills" past the winner when the latter ventured up to the net.

The loser also showed good control of the ball. He put up a fine fight and nearly deserved to lose. Ng Sze-kwong was extended but there is a belief that he is capable of a little more.

Yesterday's results:—

Open Singles.

Third round:—Ng Sze-kwong beat E. C. Fincher 6-3, 6-1, 2-6, 8-10, 6-3.

Open Doubles.

Second round:—Major W. B. Stevenson and Rev. F. P. W. Alexander beat Capt. E. W. Morris and Lieut. G. L. E. M. Sturges 6-2, 4-5, 6-2, 6-4.

Club Championship.

G. W. Sewell beat W. Hyde 6-2, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles.

Miss Butler and A. J. Hazeland (rec. 15/1) beat Mrs. Jolly and Lt. D. Smith (rec. 5/6), 6-3, 6-3.

TREVESSA TROPHY.

BI-ANNUAL RACE FOR SHIPS' LIFEBOATS.

To commemorate the memory of the feat of the captain and officers in getting away from their ship, bi-annual races are held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club for the "Trevesa" trophy.

The next race is to be on April 20. These competitions for ships' lifeboats in Hong Kong harbour have proved very interesting in the past and the various "Lines" will be just as keen this time.

Full details are announced in an advertisement on page 3.

HOCKEY CLUB LOSE.

On the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday, the Hong Kong Hockey Club lost by 3-1 to a team from H.M.S. "Tamar," small ships and the Army.

The goal scorers were Atkinson (2) and Valentine (Club) in the first half, and Sabine in the second.

THE BOAT RACE.

CANTAB'S STYLE V. OXFORD'S STAMINA.

TO-DAY'S PROSPECTS & CHANCES.

London, April 1. On the eve of the Boat Race, practice has been hindered by rough water, but conditions improved later.

The crews are taking precautions against the weather, both boats being fitted with water-chutes.

Cambridge contemplate the use of two balloons under the feet of each man.

The start is timed for 1.30 p.m. (Saturday) but may be earlier if conditions are bad.

In the latter event conditions should favour Oxford, as it is anticipated to be a case of Cambridge's style versus Oxford's stamina.—Reuter.

GOLF "PROS."

INAUGURAL RYDER CUP MATCH.

BRITISH VISIT TO AMERICA.

London, March 15. Abe Mitchell is to captain the British professionals in the inaugural Ryder Cup golf match.



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A. G. Havers.

against America. The team will sail on May 21, and will include Ted Ray, Charles Whitcombe, Fred Robson, George Gadd, Archie Compson, Arthur Havers, George Duncan, and Aubrey Boomer.

CRICKET TOUR.

TENNYSON'S XI IN WEST INDIES.

FINAL TEST DRAWN.

Kingston, March 14. The final (four-days) test match between the Hon. L. J. Tennyson's XI and All-Jamaica was drawn.

All-Jamaica, who had scored 518 runs for nine wickets, only added a single to their total to-day. Martin scored 204 runs, not out.

In their second innings Mr. Tennyson's XI scored 280. O'Connor contributed 52, Arnold 71, and Tennyson 60. Phillips took five wickets for 69.

All-Jamaica had scored 60 for no wicket when stumps were drawn.

The concluding scores were as follows:—

Tennyson's XI	445	All-Jamaica	518
	280	(for no wkts.)	60
	728		579

Mr. Tennyson's XI left for England to-day.

PRINCE'S POINT-TO-POINT VICTORY.

London, March 18.

The Prince of Wales, riding Dark Courrier, won Lord Manners' Cup in the Grenadier Guards' race at the Bicester point-to-point meeting this afternoon. The Prince rode a fine race and won by two lengths.

BILLIARD CHAMPION BEATEN.

London, March 15.

In the third heat of the Empire billiards tournament, Coles, Wales (2,000), beat M. Smith, Scotland, (1,445).

In the fourth heat, Coles (2,000) beat the amateur champion, Steeples, England (1,445).

London, March 17. Gloucester beat the Royal Air Force at rugby by 28 points to 12.

London, March 18. In the inter-Varsity billiards match at Cambridge, Cambridge beat Oxford by 3 games to nil.

DISARMAMENT.

DECISIONS BY GENEVA COMMITTEE.

LIMITING AIR FORCES.

Geneva, April 1. The disarmament committee has adopted a modified draft of the resolution on the limitation of the period of army service laying down that the total period of service of the annual contingent in conscriptionist States shall not exceed the figure accepted by the high contracting parties.

This will comprise the total with the active army and compulsory training.

Lord Cecil next opened the discussion on air armaments, regarding which there is considerable divergence of views.

M. Paul Boncour (France) strongly urged limitation of military air effectiveness.—Reuter.

Aircraft Material.

Geneva, April 1. The Disarmament Committee has adopted a French proposal that the limitation of material for air armaments should apply to aircraft and dirigibles in commission.

The Committee adjourned until to-morrow other points dealing with air armaments.—Reuter.

LIFE AT 145.

"THE OLDEST MAN IN EUROPE."

CAFE CLIENT 100 YEARS.

Budapest, Feb. 22. A Constantinople correspondent of the "Magyarug" describes an interview with Agha Zaro, who is probably the oldest man in Europe, for he is believed by the people of Constantinople to have lived for more than 145 years.

Zaro possesses a tall, sinewy frame of phenomenal strength, little hair, and no teeth—having lost a third set of teeth which developed after the decay of his second set. He was born in Kurdistan, and in 1808, during the reign of Selim III, became a sergeant in the guards.

Since then he remembers the reigns of Mahmud II, Mehdid IV, Aziz I, Murad V, and Abdul Hamid II. Rasad V, and some Caliphs whom he dismisses as of little consequence because they each reigned only a few years.

Zaro has been married three times, but complains that his wives were short-lived, the first wife succumbed after thirty-two years of conjugal life, the second after twenty-eight, and the third after forty-two. His eldest son, a porter well-known in Constantinople, died a few years ago at the age of one hundred and ten. At one time world, but on his arrival in Italy his digestion became disturbed owing to the "ignorance about cooking" displayed in that country. So he returned to Constantinople, where the Government granted him a small house and the position of porter to the Prefecture—a sinecure which ensures him a sum equivalent to about 24 a week, and permits him to spend his days in a tiny cafe, where he is known to have been a regular customer for over a hundred years.

Being a good Mussulman, Zaro has never tasted alcohol. He does not smoke, eats little meat, but consumes many litres of Yogourt (sour milk) daily. Doctors, to whom he is a subject of never-failing interest, declare that he is in perfect physical condition.

CHOLERA AT BANGKOK.

Bangkok, March 22. The death has occurred of a European from cholera.

Mr. Valdemar Isachsen, of the shipping department of the East Asiatic Company, attended office yesterday morning and was suddenly taken ill and died in the evening.

The funeral takes place this afternoon.

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NANKING DEMANDS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

the Far East could not land forces more than a fraction of the required strength.

Referring to Mr. MacDonald's "inexcusable reflection" upon those in charge of Britain's safety in China, the "Telegraph" says it did not need the terrible evidence of Mrs. Giles and Mr. Brown to establish the fact that not a soul at Nanking suspected the possibility of such an organised attack.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI POSITION.

Split in the Kuomintang Camp.

Shanghai, April 1. There are indications that all is not well in the Kuomintang camp here.

While the meeting of the moderates yesterday was passing resolutions asking Chiang Kai-shek to eliminate the Red elements from the party a meeting of left-wingers was passing resolutions urging the expulsion of the "conservatives" and "moderates," and the immediate restoration of the Settlements.

There is undoubtedly trouble brewing in these two sections here. All the best informed Chinese are backing the Reds to win.—Reuter.

Mr. Soong Seeks Safety.

Shanghai, April 1. Mr. T. V. Soong, the Nationalist Minister of Finance, has taken a house in the International Settlement where, under the protection of foreign forces, he is finding it safer to live than outside.—Reuter.

French Commander Wanted.

Paris, April 1. The "Echo de Paris" states that Admiral Basire has asked that an officer be sent to command the French troops in Shanghai. Probably a Colonel will be sent to Shanghai from Indo-China.—Reuter.

LABOUR REVOLT.

Red Unions Burned Down.

Shanghai, April 1. There are increasing signs that labour is beginning to chafe under the tyranny of the Red Unions. Both the Ningpo and Hangchow headquarters of the union have been attacked and burnt down by workers.

The chief complaint of the latter was that the General Labour Union is controlled by a small dictatorial clique who are punishing and persecuting any one daring to disobey their orders or disagree with their methods, and above all that the workers so far have not really benefited under this new regime, owing to the prevalence of so many strikes and lockouts and the closing of so many shops.

Briefly, the workers at Ningpo and Hangchow felt that they were better off formerly. The latest news is that the victory of the moderates is likely to be short lived as more experienced Red dictators are being despatched from Hankow to Ningpo and Hangchow.

Only meagre details of the troubles in these cities have percolated into Shanghai.—Reuter.

TITLES OF HONOUR TO GO.

Rome, April 1. In the Chamber Sig. Grandi, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, announced that all Italian diplomats henceforth will have to serve an apprenticeship in the Consular Service, whereafter it will be decided whether the candidates will remain as consuls or be assigned to an diplomatic career.

In pursuance of Sig. Mussolini's plan for the abolition of all titles of honorific rank, the title of Excellency will no longer be conferred on Ministers Plenipotentiary of the first class.—Reuter.

AMERICAN MINES TROUBLE.

Chicago, April 1. One hundred and fifty thousand bituminous coal miners were prepared to strike at midnight, when the owners of the Central Coal-operative field announced that the war-time wage scale will lapse.

The owners predict a stoppage until the miners' union officials accept the reduced scale.—Reuter's American Service.

Messrs. Henry Robt. Limited, shipbuilders and repairers, Leith, have secured, in close competition with English and Continental firms, the contract for the survey and extensive repairs of the steamer "Paeonia" (4363 tons gross). The vessel is being brought from Rotterdam. This contract will provide work for a large number of employees of the firm.

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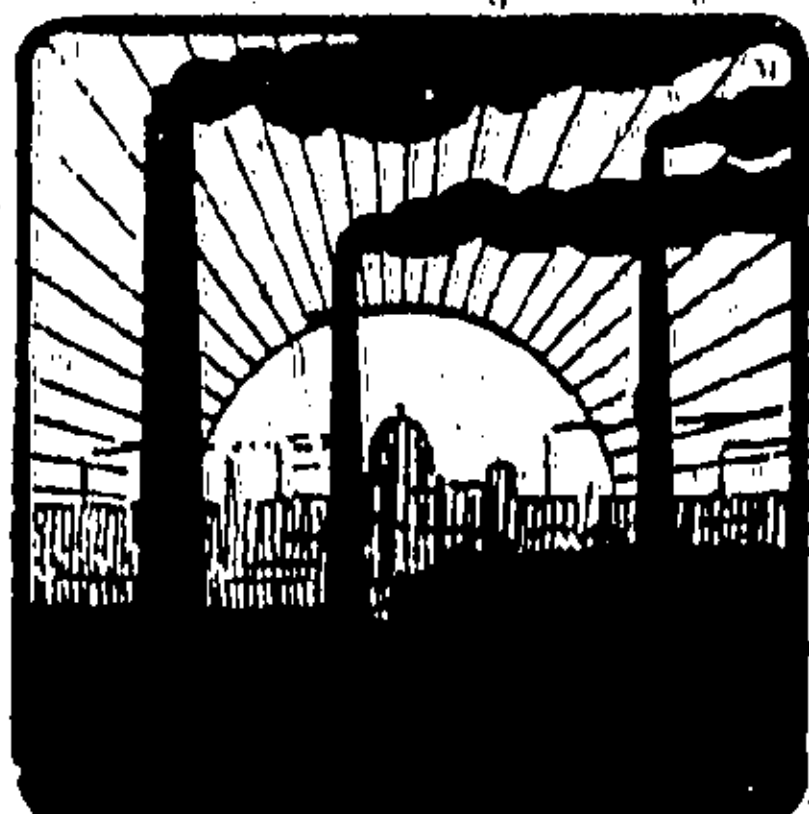
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THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY LECTURE.

MR. LANEPART'S ADDRESS.

Mr. H. E. Lanepart gave an address on "What is Theosophy?" at Thursday's weekly public meeting of the Hong Kong Lodge, the Theosophical Society.

An extract of his remarks follows:—

Theosophy is the divine wisdom, and its direct individual knowledge in man is the result of the awakening in germ of divine powers of universal perception, which in course of time all men will learn to unfold and use in the service of man and God.

It is Theosophy the divine wisdom that constitutes the foundation of all religions and thus they all serve the one God. It is Theosophy that renders life intelligible and shows us the love and justice which guide its evolution.

The essence of Theosophy is the fact that man being himself divine can know the divinity whose life he shares, and the imminence of God and the brotherhood of all men are the fundamental teachings of Theosophy.

Intelligent Theory.

Theosophy may be described to the outside world as an intelligent theory of the universe. It is a statement of the great facts of nature so far as they have become known throughout the millennia to the direct vision of daring souls, the pioneers of the spirit and great investigators of the occult.

Yet even for lesser souls who study Theosophy, it soon becomes no more theory, but fact, for Theosophy is a definite science, capable of being studied and its teachings are verifiable by investigation and experiment for those who are willing to take the trouble to qualify themselves for such inquiry.

Founded by Two Masters.

The Theosophical Society, as it exists to-day, has been founded by two of the masters of wisdom, members of the White Lodge, the inner government of the world, to draw those together whose good Karma has made them seek and knock for truth and light.

The mission of the Theosophical Society is therefore not to force its teachings upon souls still asleep and content with lesser lights, but simply to offer it to all, so that those may take it who feel the need for it. The knowledge of the great truths of Theosophy has for us and for thousands of others made life

easier to bear and death easier to face.

Three Great Truths.

The broad outlines of the great truths have been widely known in the world for thousands of years and are to-day largely penetrating and influencing the noblest minds of the West, which, in its incredible self-sufficiency, has for long remained ignorant of them, and long scoffed at any fragment of them which may have come in its way.

There are three great truths which are absolute and cannot be lost. They are as great as life itself and yet as simple as the simplest mind of man and are known to and direct the lives of every Theosophist.

They are:—

(1) God exists and He is good. He is the great life-giver, who dwells within us and without us, is undying and eternally beneficent, and is perceived by the man who desires perception.

(2) Man is immortal and his future is one whose glory and splendour have no limit.

(3) A divine law of absolute justice rules the world, so that each man is in truth his own judge, the dispenser of glory or gloom to himself, the decreer of his life, his reward and his punishment.

Moving For Good.

To each of these great truths are attached certain others, subsidiary and explanatory.

From the first great truth it follows:—

(1) That in spite of all appearances, all things are definitely and intelligently moving together for good; that all circumstances, however untoward they may seem, are in reality exactly what are needed; that everything around us tends, not to hinder us, but to help us, if it is only understood.

(2) That, since the whole scheme thus tends to man's benefit, clearly it is his duty to learn to understand it.

(3) That when he thus understands it, it is also his duty intelligently to co-operate in this scheme.

Standpoint of the Soul.

From the second great truth it follows:—

(1) That the true man is a soul and that this body is only an appanage.

(2) That he must, therefore, regard everything from the standpoint of the soul and that in every case when an internal struggle takes place he must realise his identity with the higher and not with the lower.

(3) That what we commonly call his life is only one day in his true and larger life.

(4) That death is a matter of far less importance than is usually supposed, since it is by no means the end of life, but merely the passage from one stage of it to another.

(5) That man has an immense evolution behind him, the study of which is most fascinating, interesting and instructive.

(6) That he has also a splendid evolution before him, the study of which will be even more fascinating and instructive.

(7) That there is an absolute certainty of final attainment for every human soul, no matter how far he may seem to have strayed from the path of evolution.

Two Inseparable Parts.

From the third great truth it follows:—

(1) That every thought, word or action produces its definite results—not a reward or punishment imposed from without, but a result inherent in the action itself, definitely connected with it in the relation of cause and effect, these being really two inseparable parts of one whole.

(2) That it is both the duty and interest of man to study this divine law closely, so that he will be able to adapt himself to it and to use it, as we use other great laws of nature.

(3) That it is necessary for man to attain perfect control over himself, so that he may guide his life intelligently in accordance with this law.

When this knowledge is fully assimilated, it changes the aspect of life completely, we come to know how we should live and why, and we learn that life is worth living; when properly understood we learn how to develop ourselves and to make ourselves more useful to those around us and ultimately to the whole human race.

FOKIS AS DETECTIVES.

How two fokis of Messrs. S. C. Lay & Co. (agents for Wilkinson, Heywood & Clark, Ltd.) acted as detectives and traced a boy thief was related at the Magistracy yesterday.

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Donald C. McMillan, Arctic explorer, photographed at the Windsor Street Station, Montreal. McMillan is heading an expedition into North Labrador in a few months, to find a scientific base.



Internationally known figure skaters: Montgomery, G. Wilson, Mead, Estelle Smith, Cecil Estelle Smith and Jack Eastwood, who were present at the Winter Carnival, held at Preston, Ontario, recently.



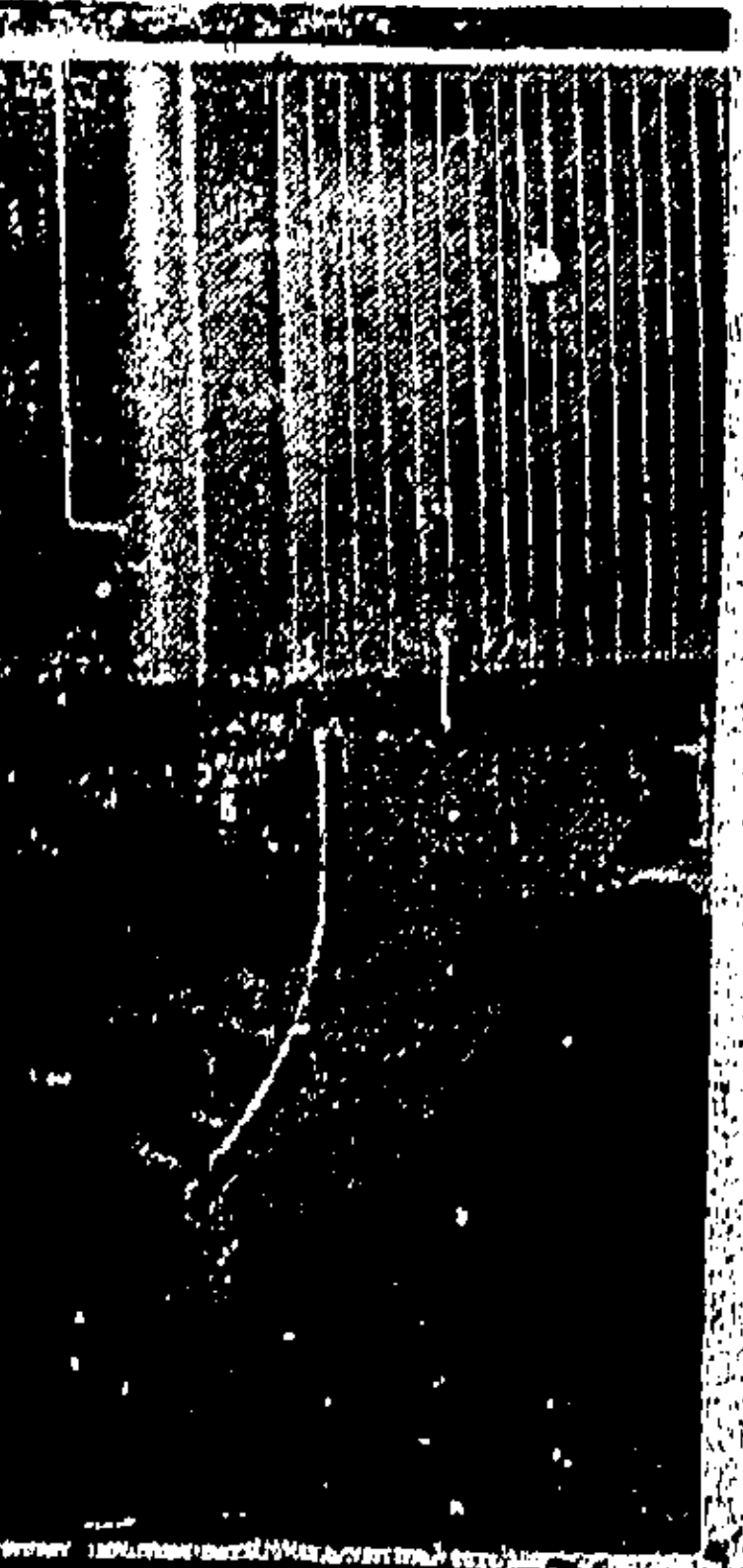
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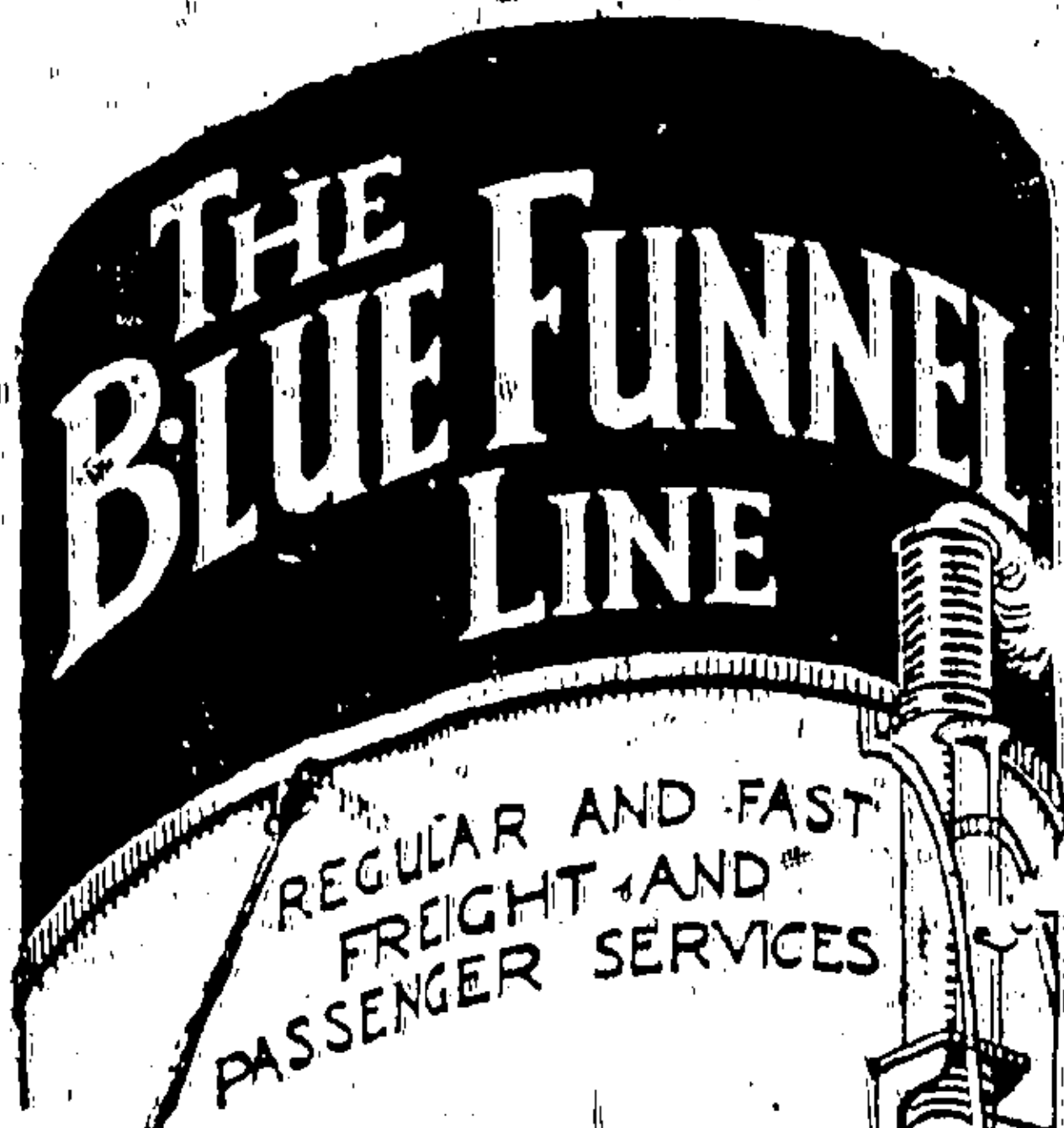
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Amoy	Tilawa	5	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, APRIL			
*Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Kaijo Maru	3	9.30 a.m.
*Swatow & Bangkok	Kaying	4	8.30 a.m.
MONDAY, APRIL			
Shanghai	Hector	5	8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu & San Francisco—due San Francisco 29th April and Europe via Siberia. Registration 9.45 a.m.			
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Manila	Pres. Jackson	6	4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Szechuen	7	5 p.m.
Swatow	Pooching	8	5 p.m.
TUESDAY, APRIL			
Straits	Chaksang	9	10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hai Hong	10	Noon
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. American & Europe via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria, B.C. 25th April. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.			
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Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Kotsu Maru	11	5 p.m.
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THURSDAY, APRIL			
Holhow & Hiphong	Tean	12	10.30 a.m.
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SERIOUS ILLNESS.

Anxiety for King of Roumania.

CONDITION REPORTED CRITICAL.

Berlin, April 1.
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KING FERDINAND

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THE ANNUAL MEETING of the General Committee of the Hospitals will be held on MONDAY, April fourth in the Chamber of Commerce Board Room at twelve thirty p.m.

The favour of the presence of all members is earnestly requested.

Business:—
To receive the Annual Report and Financial Statement.
Appoint the Executive Committee for 1927.
Pass Estimates of Expenditure for 1927.
Any other business that may be presented.

Signed H. E. WELLS, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 2nd April, 1927.

The Belgian specialist, M. Shuis, has been summoned from Brussels.

Press reports received at Budapest state that important conferences at Bukharest attended by the Commander-in-Chief of the army have disquieted the populace, but it is declared a coup d'etat in the event of the King's death is improbable, as the Roumanian Government is well prepared for all eventualities and has concentrated a strong force of troops in Bukharest.—Reuter.

Condition Improves.

Bukharest, April 1.
A bulletin states that King Ferdinand's condition has improved.—Reuter.

Washington, April 1.—As it has been decided not to reduce the Marine Forces in Nicaragua, it is understood that the Corps Commander is coming out every available detachment in the United States to find riflemen to fill up a regiment at Quantico for use, if needed.—Reuter's American Service.

TRADE UNIONS.

JOINT COMMITTEE REACHES UNANIMITY.

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION.

Berlin, April 1.

After private sittings, the Anglo-Russian Joint Advisory Committee issued a statement that it had reached complete unanimity as regards the international trade union unity.

The resolutions adopted are to be submitted for ratification by the General Congress of the British Trade Union Council, which is equivalent to the Russian organisation.

It is understood that the question of affiliation of the Russian unions to the Amsterdam International was discussed, and a recommendation hereon was made which it is hoped will remove Russian objections from joining it.

Agreement was apparently reached on the question of mutual non-interference in domestic affairs.—Reuter.

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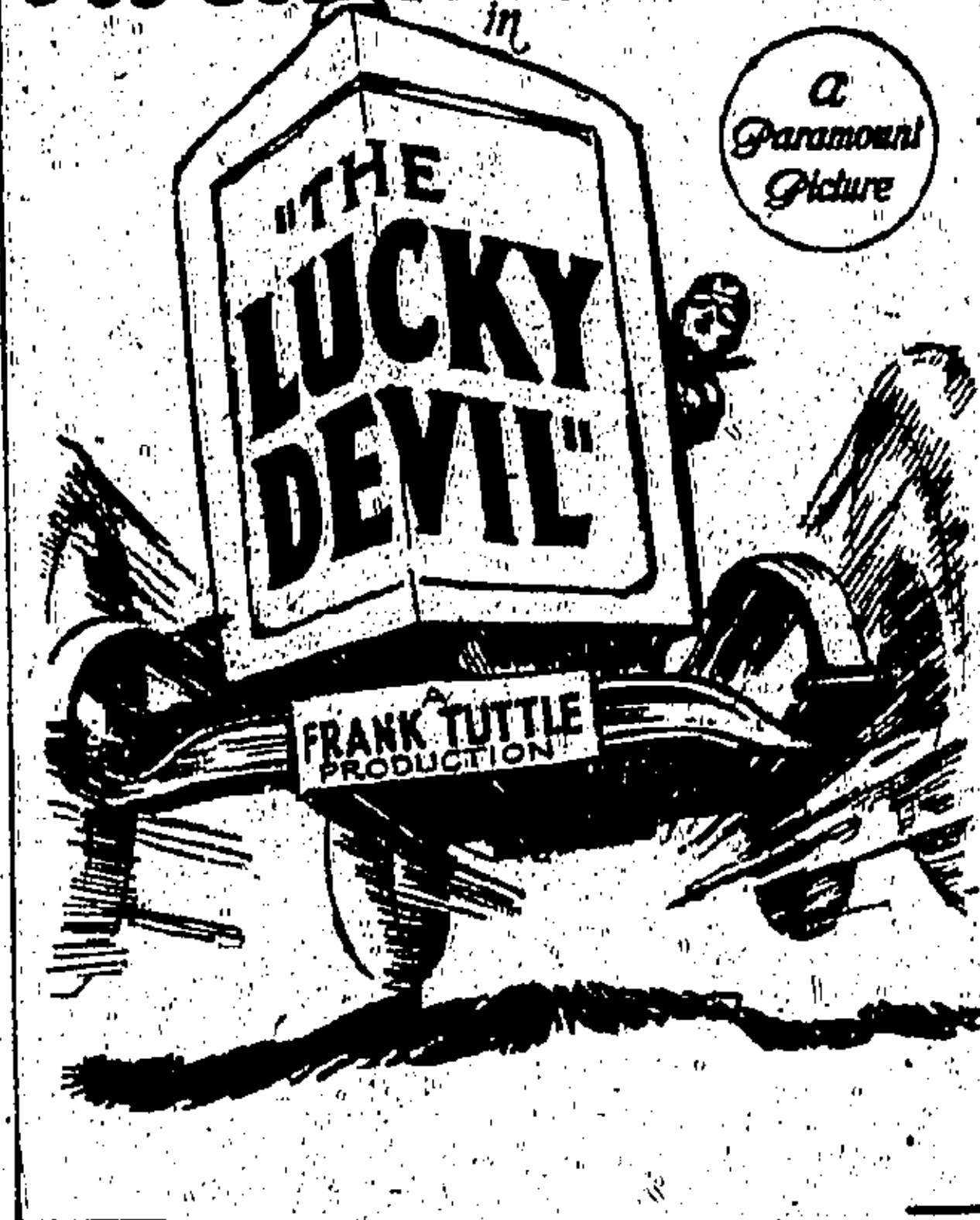
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